GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2211
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SETTING UP OF ANGANWADI CENTRES
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received requests from various State Governments particularly from North Eastern States and other hilly States to relax the population norms in terms of setting up of Anganwadi Centres in their States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) In compliance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court directions contained in its Order of 29.4.2004 to increase the number of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) so as to cover 14 lakh habitations, the Government of India invited suggestions, in December, 2004, from the States with regard to population norms that could be adopted for sanction a Project/AWC & Mini AWC to cover far flung/scarcely populated areas.

(b) The details of the suggestions received are given in the Statement annexed.

The decision taken thereon was incorporated in the 1st Report of the Inter Ministerial Task Force (IMTF) submitted in June, 2005. These population norms were further relaxed in the year 2007.The details of which are as under:-
Anganwadi Centres For Rural/Urban Projects

400-800 - 1 AWC
800-1600 - 2 AWCs
1600-2400 - 3 AWCs

Thereafter in multiples of 800 - 1 AWC

For Mini-AWC
150-300 - 1 Mini-AWC

For Tribal/Riverine/Desert,Hilly and other difficult areas/Projects
300-800 - 1 AWC For Mini-AWC
150-300 - 1 Mini-AWC
While sanctioning AWCs, priority is also given to predominantly SC/ST and Minority habitations.

ANNEX

SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED FROM STATES ON POPULATION NORMS

Sl.No.	States	AWCs			Mini AWCs		
		Rural	Tribal	Urban	Rural	Tribal	Urban
1	Goa	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	Karnataka	300- 1449	300- 1449	300- 1449	Less than 300	Less than 300	Less than 300
3	Chhattisgarh	500	300	700	Nil	Nil	Nil
4	Sikkim	600	300	1000	Nil	Nil	Nil
5	West Bengal	350	350	350	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	Daman & Diu	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
7	Pondicherryq1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
8	Chandigarh	1000	700	1000	Nil	Nil	Nil
9	Meghalaya	300 &	300&	300&	Less	Less	Less

	above 300	above 300	above 300	than	than	than
10	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-
11	Tripura (In Rural Tribal Areas)	500	200 (In inaccessible Tribal Areas)	700	-	100 -